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Hideto MATSUOKA, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 6346
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Patent No.: 6,917,558	:	Group Art Unit: 2827
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Filed: February 02, 2004	:	Examiner: T. Q. Le
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For: CONTENT ADDRESSABLE MEMORY WITH REDUNDANT REPAIR FUNCTION		

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.322

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Sir:

In reviewing the above-identified patent, a printing error was discovered therein requiring correction in order to conform the Official Record in the application.

The error noted is set forth on the two attached copies of form PTO-1050 Rev. 2-93 in the manner required by the Commissioner's Notice.

Specifically, **On the Title page of the Letters Patent, Under section "(56) References Cited", add – FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS, JP 2002-260389A 09/2002 --.**
For you immediate reference attached is a photocopy of the Notice of Allowability with Examiner's comments and Examiner's signed PTO 1449.

The change requested herein occurred as a result of printing the Letters Patent and the Certificate should be issued without expense under Rule 322 of the Rules of Practice. Accordingly, Applicants request issuance of the Certificate of Correction.

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CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

PATENT NO. : 6,917,558 B2
DATED : July 12, 2005
INVENTOR(S) : Hideto MATSUOKA, et al.

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letter Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On the Title page of the Letters Patent,

Under section "(56) References Cited", add

– FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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10/768,036	02/02/2004	Hideto Matsuoka	67161-139	6346

TITLE OF INVENTION: CONTENT ADDRESSABLE MEMORY WITH REDUNDANT REPAIR FUNCTION

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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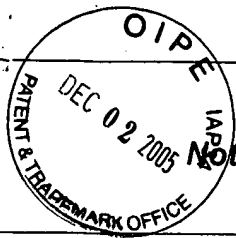
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The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 0 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 0 day(s).

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/768,036

Examiner

Thong Q. Le

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to _____.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 02 February 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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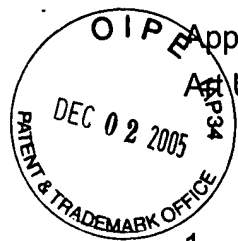
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____



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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-10 are presented for examination.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. This office acknowledges receipt of the following items from the Applicant:
Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on 02/02/2004.
3. Information disclosed and list on PTO 1449 was considered.

Priority

4. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Reasons for Allowance

5. Claims 1-10 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-10 include allowable subject matter since the prior art made of record and considered pertinent to the applicant's disclosure does not teach or suggest the claimed limitations. Norman (U.S. Patent No. 6,034,891), Sawada et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,441,811), Green (U.S. Patent No. 6,032,241), and others, does not teach the claimed invention having a content addressable memory for making a comparison between input information and retrieval information, comprising a first shift circuit shifting; if necessary, each of at least one memory cell row to be accessed in a first direction during data reading and data writing; a second shift circuit shifting each of said at least one memory cell row shifted in said first direction by said first shift circuit in a second direction opposite to said first direction in data retrieving.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thong Q. Le whose telephone number is 571-272-1783. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am-5:00pm M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David C. Nelms can be reached on 571-272-1787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).



Thong Q. Le
Primary Examiner
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PRIMARY EXAMINER



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		JP P2002-260389A	09/13/2002	KAWASAKI MICROELECTRONICS KK		(Japan w/English Abstract)	

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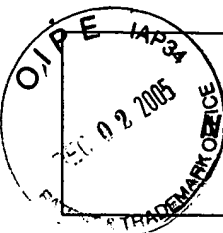
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1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

**Notice of References Cited**

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*	A	US-6,042,241	03-2000	Lengyel, J. Michael	362/84
*	B	US-6,034,891	03-2000	Norman, Robert D.	365/185.09
*	C	US-6,441,811	08-2002	Sawada et al.	345/204
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